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SUBJECT:STRAUSS-USHIBA FOLLOWUP: ASST SECRETARIES MEET

1. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GROUP ON JAPAN MET MARCH 1 TO
REVIEW FOLLOW UP TO THE STRAUSS USHIBA AGREEMENT. FOLLOWING
ARE MAIN POINTS OF MEETING AS WE HEARD THEM, UNCLEARED BY
OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

2. ALAN WOLFF CIRCULATED MEMO FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
AMBASSADOR STRAUSS DATED FEBRUARY 22 WHICH ASKED STRAUSS TO
"ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT THE JAPANESE TAKE
ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO REACH THE GOALS CONTAINED IN THE
JANUARY 13 JOINT STATEMENT". STRAUSS WAS ASKED TO DRAW ON
RESOURCES OF STATE, TREASURY, COMMERCE, AND AGRICULTURE TO
ASSIST HIM IN THIS TASK. AFTER BRIEF PARAGRAPHS OUTLINING
THE IMPORTANCE OF REDUCING THE DISPARITIES IN CURRENT
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ACCOUNT POSITIONS AND THE NEED TO PRESS FORWARD WITH THE
WORK OF THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE, THE MEMO CLOSED
BY SAYING, "I ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OUR
EMBASSY IN TOKYO WILL SYSTEMATICALLY MONITOR THE JAPANESE
EFFORTS TO FULFILL THEIR ANNOUNCED AIMS, AND THAT THE DE-
PARTMENT OF STATE WILL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED."

3. EMBASSY'S FIRST SUMMARY STATUS REPORT WAS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING DESCRIBED AS VERY VALUABLE BASIS FOR REPORT TO CONGRESS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. REPORT WOULD HAVE MAXIMUM EFFECT IF IT (A) WAS PREPARED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, (B) BEGAN WITH A SUMMARY PARAGRAPH PROVIDING JUDGMENT ON PROGRESS OR LACK THEREOF AND (C) SEPARATED CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED PORTIONS TO FACILITATE PREPARATION OF REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

4. GROUP DISCUSSED WAYS OF LINKING UPCOMING FUKUDA VISIT IN MAY TO IMPLEMENTATION OF STRAUSS-USHIBA JOINT STATEMENT. THERE WAS A SENSE THAT IN ADDITION TO OTHER ASPECTS OF BROAD US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP FUKUDA TRIP COULD (1) PROVIDE CONVENIENT DEADLINE FOR PROGRESS REPORTS ON THOSE ASPECTS OF JOINT STATEMENT WHICH COULD BE QUICKLY IMPLEMENTED, (2) MOVE DIALOGUE FORWARD ON MTN AND (3) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ASSURANCES OF ADDITIONAL MACRO-ECONOMIC MEASURES TO BE TAKEN SHOULD CURRENT EFFORTS FALL SHORT. DISCUSSANTS RECOGNIZED ALSO THAT US HAD ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER JOINT STATEMENT, AND THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SHOW PROGRESS ON ENERGY PROGRAM BEFORE MAY.

5. PARTICIPANTS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING BEFORE FUKUDA VISIT IN MAY THOSE PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT WHERE QUICK MOVEMENT WAS POSSIBLE. THERE WAS SENSE THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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FONOFF HAD RELAXED PRESSURE ON OTHER MINISTRIES ONCE DANGER OF CONFRONTATION HAD PASSED IN JANUARY. EXCEPTION WAS FONOFF/MITI PERFORMANCE IN ORGANIZING IMPORT PROMOTION MISSION. DISCUSSANTS CONCERNED THAT PAROCHIAL INTERESTS OF WORKING LEVELS IN SOME OF THE MINISTRIES WOULD DRAG THEIR FEET AND TRY TO BLOCK WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON. DANGER SEEMED MOST PREVALENT FOR MISSIONS RELATED TO BEEF, CITRUS, AND FOREST PRODUCTS. EMBASSY EFFORTS TO FACILITATE MISSIONS AND ENCOURAGE JAPANESE RESPONSIVENESS DEEMED CRUCIAL TO SUCCESS.

6. QUICK AND VISIBLE RESULTS IN THESE AREAS, IN IMPORT PROMOTION MISSION AND TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE, WOULD BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT AMBASSADOR STRAUSS IN WORKING WITH THE CONGRESS AS THE MID-JULY MTN DEADLINE APPROACHED. UNLESS SCEPTICS IN CONGRESS, BUSINESS, LABOR AND MEDIA COULD BE CONVINCED THAT JAPANESE HAD CHANGED BASIC ATTITUDES AND THAT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD RESULT IN SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US IN OUR TRADE PARTNERS' MARKETS, WE WOULD FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT CONGRESS FROM OVER-RIDING THE PRESIDENT'S LIBERAL TRADE DECISIONS IN SPECIFIC

CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, A MOVE WAS UNDERWAY IN CONGRESS
RIGHT NOW TO REVERSE THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO DENY
RELIEF ON THE CASE OF INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS FROM JAPAN. CHRISTOPHER

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